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Message from the Superintendent



As we embark upon this planning process I want you to understand that this endeavor provides us all an excellent opportunity to examine a number of new as well as long-standing issues with fresh eyes.

We look forward to working closely with the wide variety of publics who have time and time again demonstrated their interest in and their passion for this special place. We want this to be an open and inclusive process and hope to see lots of folks at our open houses.

In this vein, I invite all the public to use this newsletter to stay informed about the planning process, as well as a multitude of various park-related news and events. And please forward this on to others to help us expand our ability to keep people in the know.

We are indeed in the grasp of 21st Century technology, and plan to take advantage of it as we move forward.

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Greetings!

Welcome to our very first e-newsletter. It is our intent to provide regular newsletter editions to keep all of our Fire Island National Seashore stakeholders up to date with park issues, events, and particularly now, our upcoming general management planning process. Therefore, we encourage you to stay subscribed to this newsletter, and to forward them on to anyone else you know who would be interested in receiving them. Thank you and enjoy our latest foray into 21st century technology.

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Mark your calendars! In preparation for the park's new General Management Planning (GMP) process, the park is sponsoring a series of public open houses this summer. The first one is scheduled for Saturday July 29 – from 10 AM to 1PM at the Ocean Beach Community Center. Additional public meetings are scheduled for Davis Park, Watch Hill, Sailors Haven, Fire Island Pines, Cherry Grove, Saltaire, Islip, Patchogue, Mastic Beach, and in Manhattan. Subsequent newsletters will provide updates as we confirm dates, times and locations.



We want to hear from you—the public—in order to capture all the issues regarding this complex National Park Service treasure. Tell us what you think are the important park values and issues of concern. We want to know how you feel about the overall management of the Seashore. During these public meetings, we also want to tell you what to expect during the extensive and rather complicated planning process, which is expected to take up to four years to complete. While a new DRAFT General Management Plan is still two or more years away from materialization, we are conducting the public scoping meetings this summer and fall to create a solid foundation upon which to build the new GMP. You may see the current GMP, which was completed in 1977, through the link below.

Your participation is vital to ensure that we consider all stakeholders' issues and concerns, and to be sure that we capture all issues regarding the comprehensive preservation and management of park resources—both for today and for future generations. Help us shape Fire Island National Seashore's future.

[Please read more at Fire Island National Seashore's official GMP website](#)

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